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ASSAY OF ORAL FLUIDS	)	

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to pending application Serial No. 10/076,596, filed February 12, 2002. The Examiner is requested to review that application and any and all references contained therein.

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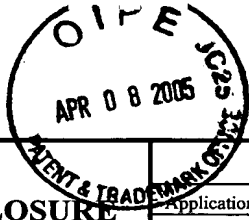
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